

Ballad of the Hawthorn Tree

*Tune: Dargason (1650)
(later: Circassian Circle
& The Irish Washerwoman)*



1. It was a maid of my coun - try, — As
2. (The) tree made ans - wer by and by, I have
3. (Though) man - y one take flowers from me, — And
4. (Though) that you do it is no boot, — Al -
5. (The) maid with that be - - gan to blush, — And



she came by a haw - thorn tree, — As
 cause to grow tri - - um - - phant - ly, — The
 man - - y branch out of my tree; — I
 though they cut me to the root, — Next
 turn'd her from the haw - thorn bush; — She




full of flow'rs as might be seen, — She
 sweet - - est dew that ev - er be seen, — Doth
 have such store they will not be seen, — For
 year a - - gain I will be seen — To
 thought her - self so fair and clean, — Her



marvell'd to see the tree so green. — At
 fall on me to keep me green. — Yea,
 more and more my twigs grow green. — But
 bud my branch - - es fresh and green. — And
 beau - - ty still would ever grow green. — But


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last she ask - - ed of this tree, ___ How
 quoth the maid, but where you grow, ___ You
 how, an they chance to cut thee down, ___ And

you, fair maid, can not do so, ___ For
 after this nev - - er I could hear ___ Of


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came this fresh - - ness un - - to thee, ___ And
 stand at hand for eve - - ry blow, ___ Of
 carry thy branch - - es in - - to town? ___ Then

'when your beau - - ty once does go,' ___ Then
 this fair maid - - en an - - y where, ___ That


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ev' - - ry branch so fair and clean? ___ I
 eve - - ry man for to be seen, ___ I
 they will nev - - er more be seen ___ To

will it nev - - er more be seen, ___ As
 ever she was in for - - est seen ___ To

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mar - - vel that you grow so green. ___ The
 mar - - vel that you grow so green. ___ Though
 grow a - - gain so fresh and green. ___ Though

I with my branch - - es can grow green. ___ The
 talk a - - gain with the haw - thorn tree. ___ It...